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The New Missouri Peace Society.

By Charles E. Beals, Field Secretary of the American Peace Society.

The Missouri Peace Society, a State branch of the American Peace Society, was organized at St. Louis on Monday, October 21, 1912.

In connection with the visit of the Baroness von Suttner, the City Club of St. Louis held its first Ladies' Day luncheon in its beautiful rooms at noon of the day set for the formation of the new Peace Society. Every plate was taken. President Bostwick, of the club, presided and introduced Hon. Richard Bartholdt, M. C., as toastmaster. Congressman Bartholdt, in a felicitous address, briefly traced the progress of pacifism. He then introduced the guest of honor, the Baroness von Suttner, who delivered a noble appeal. Mr. Bartholdt called upon the Field Secretary of the American Peace Society, who contrasted force with the judicial process as symbolized in "The Big Stick *vs.* the Square Deal."

After the exercises in the dining-room a meeting was held in the club parlors for the purpose of effecting the organization of the new State Peace Society. Congressman Bartholdt was elected chairman of the meeting, and Prof. Manley O. Hudson, of the Law School of the University of Missouri, was chosen secretary. It was voted to organize the Missouri Peace Society. A constitution was presented and adopted. The greetings of the American Peace Society were extended to the new society by the Field Secretary of the parent organization. It was voted to send greetings to the American Peace Society. It was enthusiastically voted to invite the Baroness von Suttner to accept honorary membership, which honor she accepted in a most gracious address.

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. Richard Bartholdt, M. C., of St. Louis; vice-presidents, Hon. Henry M. Beardsley, of Kansas City, and Dr. R. H. Jesse, of Columbia; secretary, Prof. Manley O. Hudson, of Columbia; treasurer, Mr. Robert S. Brookings, of St. Louis. The executive committee consists of the above and Mrs. Philip N. Moore and Judge Selden P. Spencer, of St. Louis, and President A. Ross Hill, of the University of Missouri, Columbia. An advisory board, consisting of some sixty representative persons from all parts of the State, was elected.

Mr. Bartholdt is too well known to need introduction. For years he has been the chairman of the American Group of the Interparliamentary Union, vice-president of the American Peace Society, and now a member of its board of directors and executive committee, member of the executive committee of the American Association for International Conciliation, a leader in congressional battles for the promotion of arbitration and the limitation of armaments. Mr. Beardsley was formerly mayor of Kansas City. Dr. Jesse formerly was president of the University of Missouri. Secretary Hudson, a professor in the Law School of the University of Columbia, has been the moving spirit in the preliminary campaign for organization. Mr. Brookings, the treasurer, a prominent merchant, is president of the Washington University Corporation and one of the trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Mrs. Moore is a past president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Judge Spencer formerly presided over the Cir-

cuit Court. President Hill is one of the ablest university presidents in the country.

President Bartholdt's suggestion that St. Louis should attempt to get and organize the National Peace Congress of 1913 was enthusiastically applauded.

Already the new society has commenced work, having sent Prof. J. M. Greenwood as its representative to the Missouri State Teachers' Association, which met in Springfield early in November.

The New Wisconsin Peace Society.

By Charles E. Beals.

In April last, on the invitation of Mr. Louis P. Lochner, secretary of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, the Field Secretary of the American Peace Society visited Madison and personally interviewed over a score of leading citizens, with a view to the organization of a Wisconsin Peace Society. Such was the encouragement received that a State-wide correspondence was undertaken, and the cooperation enlisted seemed to warrant the formation of the proposed State branch. Because of the expected visit of the Baroness von Suttner in Madison, in October, it was thought best to defer formal organization until that psychological moment. And the outcome demonstrated the wisdom of the plan.

On Friday evening, October 25, 1912, a great meeting was held in University Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, presided over by Hon. John B. Winslow, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State. The Baroness von Suttner delivered addresses in English and German, to the great delight of the audience.

After the Field Secretary of the American Peace Society had brought the greetings of the historic organization and had described the plan for State societies, it was unanimously voted to organize the Wisconsin Peace Society as a State branch of the American Peace Society. A constitution which had been previously prepared was adopted without delay. With equal expeditiousness the nominating committee presented a list of officers. The persons elected were:

President—Hon. John B. Winslow, Madison, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Wisconsin.

Vice-President—Senator J. H. Whitehead, Janesville.

Secretary—Prof. Chester Lloyd Jones, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Treasurer—Senator W. H. Hatton.

Executive Committee—President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, *ex officiis*, and Mr. L. P. Lochner, Mrs. J. Jastrow, Miss Lutie E. Stearns, Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones, Prof. Paul S. Reinsch, Miss Zone Gale, Mr. John A. Butler.

More than thirty vice-presidents were chosen, representing all parts of the State, and including men and women prominent in educational, religious, social, journalistic, industrial, financial, and political work.

The Baroness von Suttner was invited to honor the new society by accepting honorary membership, which she did.

From the character of the persons who have given their support to the organized peace movement in Wisconsin one may well expect that the Wisconsin Peace Society speedily will become one of the strongest and